(a) whether any Political Party has demanded a fresh probe into the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government have accepted reported by two committee set up to enquire into this matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (c). The Government has already accepted the reports of the Shan Nawaz Khan Committee and the Khosla Commission to the effect that Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose died in an air crash on 18th August, 1945 at Taihoku.

[*Translation*]

Funds Sanctioned by National Co-operative Development Corporation to Bihar for Development of Fishery

6688. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned by the National Co-operative Development Corporation to Bihar for integrated development of fishery industry during the current financial year;

(b) whether the Government of Bihar has spend the entire amount sanctioned for this purpose during the last financial year; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). No proposal for financial assistance under Integrated Fisheries Development Project has been received from Bihar so far.

(c) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Shale Oil Production in North Eastern State

6689. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any task force has been constituted to make indepth studies of the potential and economic viability of shale oil production in the north-eastern State of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A multi-disciplinry Task Force was constituted in February, 1991 to assess the geographical spread and volume of oil shales and related coals, review of existing technologies and work in progress in different research centres in the world, determine R&D efforts to be undertaken including setting up of the pilot plant, assess the economic and environment implication of this activity and carry out cost benefit analysis of the selected processes/pilots.

Receipt of Foreign Contribution by Aware

6690. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state: